World Bank funds for implementation of road projects

†2749. PROF. R.B. S. VARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is contemplating to allocate funds to India for implementation of road projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where these road projects would be implemented; and

(d) by when these projects would be undertaken and are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATEOF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]:

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Negotiations are proposed to be held for a loan of about US $ 170 million from the World Bank for construction of Allahabad By pass on National Highway-2 in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The implementation of Allahabad By-pass on National Highway-2 in the State of Uttar Pradesh is expected to commence by the end of this year and its completion period would be 30 months.

Upgradation of State Highways

2750. DR. A. K. PATEL:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of State Highways upgraded into National Highways by Government during the year 2000-2001; and

(b) the length of road upgraded out of the above in Gujarat?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) During the Year 2000-2001, total length of 5727 km. of State roads including 220 km. in Gujarat have been upgraded into National Highways.

Action-plan to link road network with major ports

2751. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action-plans to link road network with the major ports;

(b) whether their feasibility studies have been completed; and

(c) if so, the details of the port in Gujarat to be linked with road network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: The details of the action plan for the projects to link road network with major ports in the country are given in the Statement *(See* Below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In Gujarat, improvement of road connectivity to Kandla Port is under implementation by four-lining of Samkhiali-Gandhidham section of National Highway-8A.

Statement

Port Connectivity Projects

SI. No.	Port	Stretches for Development	Length in Km.	Likely date of completion
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Paradip	National Highway-5A (From Km.. 0 to Km. 74)	74	September, 2005
2.	Haldia	National Highway-41 (From Kolaghat on NH-6 to Haldia)	53	April, 2005